To the Judiciary Committee:

I **OPPOSE** Senate Bill 16 and House Bill 5416

What on earth makes you think that adding more gun laws will change the behavior of career criminals? Let's face it, no matter how many gun laws you make, it will not change the root cause of why criminals commit crimes.

You guys continue to make laws that infringe on the rights of citizens granted by the 2nd amendment of the Constitution of the United States of America. If you guys pass this you can expect it to be challenged in the courts. Passing of this law would instantly make felons out of tens of thousands of law-abiding, competent, and patriotic gun owners. You already tried to make the AR-Stoner rifle illegal after Sandy Hook but failed miserably because none of you understood gun laws or what constitutes the firearm per the National Firearms Act, which should also be struck down as unconstitutional. You are now trying to clean up your mistakes because you couldn't do it the first time. It proves that blanket prohibitions never work, because politicians don't understand the topic they are trying to ban. They also never listen to their constituents.

I urge you to **OPPOSE S.B. 16 and H.B. 5416** I **SUPPORT** the following bills: **S.B. 388 H.B. 5415 H.B. 5412**

Very Respectfully,

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